III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Original) A microphone structure comprising a microphone capsule (200; 300), which has at least first and second output contact, and within said microphone capsule

means for converting changes in air pressure to an electrical signal,

preamplifier (Q2; Q3) having first and second output conductor and

a first capacitor (C21; C31) connected between said output conductors of the preamplifier, characterized in that it further comprises at least one electro-static discharge protector (VDR2; ZD) connected between said output contacts of microphone capsule and, within the microphone capsule, a first impedance (R21; R31) in series between said first output conductor and said first output contact.

- 2. (Original) A microphone structure according to claim 1, characterized in that said electro-static discharge protector is within the microphone capsule.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A microphone structure according to claim 1, characterized in that said electro-static discharge protector is outside on an outer surface of the microphone capsule, close by this.
- 4. (Original) A microphone structure according to claim 1, characterized in that it further comprises at least second impedance (Z) in series with said first impedance and at least second capacitor (C33).

- 5. (Original) A microphone structure according to claim 4, characterized in that at least one of said series impedances is resistive.
- 6. (Original) A microphone structure according to claim 4, characterized in that at least one of said series impedances is inductive.
- 7. (Original) A microphone structure according to claim 4, characterized in that said capacitors and structure parts having series impedance form a ladder network.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A microphone structure according to claim 2, characterized in that the preamplifier, electro-static discharge protector, said series structure parts and said capacitors are on the same circuit board (41).
- 9. (Currently Amended) A microphone structure according to claim 4, characterized in that at least some of said electronic structure parts one of the pre-amplifier, the first capacitor, the electro-static discharge protector, the first impedance, the second impedance, and the second capacitor are inside the same integrated circuit (IC).
- 10. (Original) A microphone structure according to claim 1, characterized in that the electro-static discharge protector is a varistor (VDR2).
- 11. (Original) A microphone structure according to claim 1, characterized in that the electro-static discharge protector is a semiconductor (ZD).
- 12. (Original) A microphone structure according to claim 1, characterized in that the electro-static discharge protector is a polymer component.

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13. (Original) A microphone structure according to claim 1, characterized in that the electro-static discharge protector is a feed-through component (FTC).

14. (Original) A microphone structure according to claim 1 having at least two electro-static discharge protectors, characterized in that electro-static discharge protectors form one of following connections: parallel, series, star.